Airport Modernisation Project of National Airport Authority

1062. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Rs. 200 crore airport modernisation project of the National Airport Authority; and

(b) by when this project would be executed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The modernisation project of the Air Traffic Control System at Delhi and Bombay airports includes installation of Modern Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar (MSSR) co-located with Primary Radar, Radar Data Processing System, Flight Data Processing System, etc. capacity of the system to handle aircraft.

(b) Global tenders have been invited for the execution of the project on a turn-key basis. The tenders received are under the scrutiny of the National Airports Authority. The project is expected to be completed within 30 months of the award of the contract.

Fuel savings by rationalising flight levels

1063. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently undertaken a study to economise fuel use, by reviewing and rationalising the flight levels; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard and extent of fuel saving likely to be affected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The optimisation of flight levels is continuously under review. There are a number of technical factors that impinge on flight levels. Taking them into account, the National Airports Authority makes every efforts to assign optimum flight levels to Indian Airlines operations.

Night landing facility at Airports

1064. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the airports where night landing facility is not available; and

(b) by when this facility would be made available at these airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The undermentioned airports controlled by the National Airports Authority to which scheduled flights are being operated by Indian Airlines, do not have night landing facility:—

(i) Dibrugarh

(ii) Dinapur

(iii) Imphal

(b) In approximately 2 years time.

Emergency light provision at Airports

1065. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the provision of emergency lights does not exist at all the airports in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the airports in the country which do not have such emergency light arrangements; and

(c) by when Government propose to make arrangements for providing emergency lights at all the airports in the country so that sudden power failures do not cause inconvenience to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) At all the airports managed by International Airports Authority of India and National Airports Authority and served by Indian Airlines, standby generators are available to provide emergency light to meet minimum operational requirement.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Transport contracts in Coal India Limited

1066. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to reduce the influence of monopolistic contractors in Coal India Limited by increasing the number of small contractors in transport business and supply of other essential items in order to provide livelihood to literate youths; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDAR): (a) and (b) All contractual jobs in the coal companies are awarded through the system of open tenders. To prevent the monopolistic tendencies among private contractors, jobs of internal transportation of coal and sand are being given to ex-servicemen companies sponsored by the Director General of Resettlement, Ministry of Defence and cooperative societies sponsored by the District Administration. Such cooperatives cover also the weaker sections of the society. There are at present no schemes to give preference to literate youth in the award of transport contracts. In respect of essential store items, the coal companies consciously encourage ancillaries, SSI Units and small enterpreneurs, indirectly providing livelihood to literate youth.

Supply of coal to thermal power station

1067. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for coal linkages so that every thermal power station is linked to the nearest coal mine;

(b) whether Government propose to arrange for supply of coal with higher calorific value to thermal power stations located at far away places from the coal mines as in the case of Tamil Nadu State; and

(c) whether the Tamil Nadu Government have represented its difficulties in getting coal due to shortfall or production at Singareni Collieries; if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDAR): (a) Under the present arrangements thermal power stations are being linked to the nearest coal mines on long term basis by Standing Linkage Committee (Long term) subject to the quantity and quality of coal available, already existing linkages and transport logistics. Modifications in these long term linkages become necessary in short term due to variations in anticipated production and requirements.

(b) Yes, Sir. Based on the recommendations of the Ronge Committee, which has suggested beneficiation of non-coking coal to be supplied to the power plants located over thousand K.Ms. away from the Coalfield. Kalinga mine cum beneficiation plant project has been planned for supply of beneficiated coal with higher calorific value to Tuticorin Extn. (4th and 5th units) and North Madras Stage-I